



Quick Facts about Medicare's New Coverage for Prescription Drugs for people with Medicare and **Medicaid**, and Medicaid now pays for their prescription drugs.

Starting January 1, 2006, Medicare will pay for most of the prescription drugs you need. Medicaid will no longer pay for most of your prescription drugs. You will need to join a Medicare prescription drug plan for Medicare to pay for your drugs. Medicare will send you a letter in the mail in early summer 2005 and again in the fall 2005 with more information.

What do I need to know?

- Your Medicaid prescription drug coverage is changing.
- Medicare will start paying for your prescription drugs beginning January 1, 2006.
- The last day that your State will pay for your prescription drugs is December 31, 2005.
- You will have continuous drug coverage and pay a small amount out of your own pocket.
- You must join a Medicare prescription drug plan for Medicare to pay for your drugs.
- Compare your drug plan options and join. You can join a Medicare prescription drug plan starting November 15, 2005.
- If you don't join a plan by December 31, 2005, Medicare will enroll you in a plan to make sure that you don't miss a day of coverage.
- Medicare will let you know the plan it has picked for you in October 2005. You can switch to another plan at any time.
- Medicaid will still pay for your other health costs.



How can I get more information?

Detailed information from Medicare will be available in October 2005. You can look at the “Medicare & You 2006” handbook, visit www.medicare.gov on the web, or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

Look for local Medicare-related events.